

Application No. 09/600,654  
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**In the Abstract:**

The Office has indicated that the present application was filed without an abstract. Applicants submitted an abstract with the International Application, which was forwarded to the Office. Since it appears that the original abstract was lost, applicants request that the following abstract be added to the application:

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A video signal is analyzed in a coding stage to determine what compression coding decisions would be taken if the video signal were to be MPEG2 encoded. A representation of these coding decisions then accompanies the un-coded video signal for use in a downstream “dumb” encoding process. The coding decisions take the form of an MPEG2 bitstream and are embedded in Isb’s of the video.